



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 5476-00

5 October 2000

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Case Summary
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting transfer to the Retired Reserve vice being discharged on 1 May 2000.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Mazza, Ms. Hare and Ms. Madison, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 26 September 2000 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Petitioner's record shows that on 25 April 1995 he was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at age 60. Five days later he was promoted to SGTMAJ (E-9). He subsequently earned more than two qualifying years. On 1 May 2000 he was honorably discharged at the expiration of his enlistment. At that time he had completed almost 26 years of qualifying service for retirement.

d. The Board did not request an advisory opinion in this case. However, the Board is aware that Headquarters Marine Corps has routinely recommended favorable action in similar cases when an individual is qualified for reserve retirement and there is no explanation in the record why he was discharged and not retired

or errors occurred which prevented retirement prior to discharge.

e. The Board is aware that the Uniform Retirement Date Act 5 U.S.C. 8301 requires that the effective date of any retirement be the first day of the month.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. The Board notes that Petitioner was in good standing in the Marine Corps Reserve and would have been transferred to the Retired Reserve if it had been processed in a timely manner. Given the circumstances the Board concludes that he should be transferred to the Retired Reserve in the grade of SGTMAJ.

Given the requirements of the Uniform Retirement Date Act the Board further concludes that the record should show that Petitioner was transferred to the Retired Reserve on 1 May 2000 vice being discharged on that date.

Finally the Board concludes that this Report of Proceedings should be filed in Petitioner's naval record so that all future reviewers will understand his correct status in the Marine Corps Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve on 1 May 2000 in the grade of SGTMAJ vice being discharged on that date.

b. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

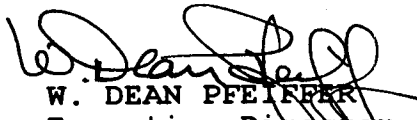
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Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the

authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director